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SENATE RESOLUTION 1011

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF JULY 23, 2011 AS NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY.

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Whereas, Arizona's pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped establish America's frontiers; and

Whereas, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries and political affiliations; and

Whereas, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion and determination; and

Whereas, the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

Whereas, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; and

Whereas, the core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

Whereas, cowboy traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

Whereas, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of approximately 656,500 ranches in all fifty states; and Whereas, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30,000,000 fans worldwide; and

Whereas, membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy organization, Single Action Shooting Society, Work Ranch Rodeo Association, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding, Women's Professional Rodeo Association, the Western Music Association and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continue to expand both nationally and internationally; and

Whereas, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry, photography and music; and

Whereas, the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the public's imagination.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

That the Members of the Senate express support for the designation of July 23, 2011 as a National Day of the Cowboy and encourage the people of Arizona to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE APRIL 19, 2011.

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READ IN FULL AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 19th day of April , 2011,

at 12:36 o'clock

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Secretary of State

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